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1. BACKGROUND: REF C IS A NINE PAGE 1977 WTDR ON W.J. TOWELL AND CO., ONE OF THE MANY MAJOR MERCHANT ESTABLISHMENTS IN KUWAIT THAT ARE REGULARLY REQUESTED FOR WTDR'S AND ON WHICH THE EMBASSY MAINTAINS EXTENSIVE FILES. REF B IS OUR RESPONSE TO A 1978 REQUEST ON THE SAME FIRM IN WHICH WE NOTED THAT CURRENT AGENCY LIST, BANK REPORT, AND OTHER DATA GATHERED FROM FIRM REVEALED NO CHANGE IN THE SUBJECT'S BUSINESS STATUS AND THAT WE CONSIDERED THE 1977 REPORT TO BE STILL VALID FOR 1978. REF A ASSERTED THAT DESPITE TOTAL LACK UNCLASSIFIED

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OF CHANGE IN BUSINESS STATUS, " WE MUST RECEIVE A COMPLETE REPORT WITH ALL ITEMS AS PER 10 FAM 153.7".

2. SUBJECT OF USDOC'S MESSAGE IS "PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING WTDR". AT ISSUE IS NOT RPT NOT THE AMENDING OF A WTDR, BUT SIMPLY REVALIDATING AN EXISTING WTDR. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY WHICH USDOC MIGHT ENCOUNTER IN SIMPLY

REDATING THE WTDR ON FILE, AND MICROFILMING IT AS THE REPORT VALID FOR A NEW TWELVE MONTH PERIOD. IF THIS REQUIRES SOMEONE TO TYPE A NEW DATE ON THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, THAT IS A VERY GREAT DEAL EASIER THAN HAVING THE EMBASSY RETYPE AND RETRANSMIT A MULTI-PAGE MESSAGE, EVERY WORD OF WHICH IS ALREADY PRESENT IN USDOC'S FILES. WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO UNDERTAKE AN ACTIVITY SO CONSPICUOUSLY WASTEFUL OF THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY.

3. EMBASSY WELCOMES NEWS, REFTEL, THAT A COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM IS BEING CONSIDERED WHICH WOULD ENABLE USDOC TO ALTER/UPDATE CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF WTDR'S ON FILE WITHOUT REQUIRING EMBASSIES TO SUBMIT ENTIRE WTDR'S FOR THE SAKE OF MINOR CHANGES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MOVE FROM CONSIDERATION TO IMPLEMENTATION. SUTHERLAND

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